

REMARKS

In the March 20, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner withdrew the prior rejections of claims 1-52 and 56-65 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and issued new rejections of claims 1-2, 6, 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,907 to Zagami, claims 16 and 56-65 under §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,335,688 to Sweatte, claims 7 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Zagami further in view of Sweatte, claims 3-5, 13-15 and 17-36 under §103 as being obvious over Zagami and Sweatte, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,467,403 to Fishbone et al. and claims 37-52 under §103(a) as unpatentable over Zagami, Sweatte, and Fishbone et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,320,974 to Glaze et al. The Examiner objected to claims 8-10 as being rejected upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for withdrawing the prior rejections and indicating that claims 8-10 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

In this Amendment, Applicants have copied the elements previous recited in claim 8 (and intervening claim 7) into claim 1 and canceled claims 7-8. Applicants further have changed the dependencies of claims 9-10 so those claims now depend from claim 1 rather than former claim 8. Finally, Applicants have canceled all claims that do not ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims that remain pending in this application are patentable for the reasons previously stated with respect to claim 8.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with this application. If any fees are due in connection with the Application, including any additional necessary extension of time, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account 50-2837.

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